

RUSSIAN DEMANDS THREATEN TO DISRUPT THE GENOA ECONOMIC CONFERENCE

FEUDISTS OF LONG STANDING JOIN HANDS IN EFFORTS TO CLEAN UP NOTORIOUS CENTER

Judge Issues Warrants For Arrest of Two Hundred Residents of Mill Creek Section in Kentucky, Over 12 Years of Age - Moonshining Is Rampant in Section.

(By The Associated Press.) MANCHESTER, Ky., April 25. - Feudists of Clay county, who a few months ago were ready to shoot opposing clans on sight, have joined hands with each other and with the civil authorities to clean up Mill Creek, following the action of Circuit Judge Hiram J. Johnson, who yesterday issued warrants for the arrest of 200 residents of the mountain territory. All persons in the Mill Creek territory over 12 years old will be taken into custody by the posse in Judge Johnson's drive to stop lawlessness in the mountains of Kentucky. These men are combing the hills and bringing in prisoners. Reports made by returning officers are to the effect that many of those for whom warrants have been issued have voluntarily surrendered and are coming into Manchester. Others are planning to leave the county and some have intimated that they will not come, according to officers. Judge Johnson's instructions were "to bring the men in," and announced that he was going to clean up Mill Creek if it required the assistance of 1,000 soldiers.

After issuing 60 warrants Judge Johnson decided upon the wholesale plan and ordered all residents over 12 years of age arrested. Tim and George Philpott and the Ponder brothers, who were leaders in the fight against one another in the feud which raged in the Little Grove neighborhood until the last term of court, are members of the posse seeking out the alleged law breakers. The trouble about Mill Creek began Thursday when John Taylor, who had been summoned as a witness in a feud suit, was shot to death from ambush. Deputy Sheriff Pitt Silvers later that day was sent in the neighborhood with four others to serve warrants for persons wanted in connection with the shooting and other cases. They were attacked by 10 men in ambush. Mr. Silvers was shot from his horse and three horses in the party stopped but, before their riders creeping by hiding until darkness fell. Deputy Sheriff D. W. White, and Robert Hacker, members of the posse, reported that "moonshining is rampant in the Mill Creek section." They said the ambushers who attacked them were armed with high-powered rifles and large caliber pistols. A conspiracy among the Mill Creek residents to thwart the law has existed for several months, they declared. Those who are in the conspiracy have agreed to prevent arrests of members by force of arms and, if necessary, to kill officers who might attempt to make arrests, the officers said. The plotters have agreed among themselves that they will kill any who oppose their illegal practices, according to the two deputy sheriffs. Judge Johnson gave instructions when he issued the wholesale warrants that every dwelling on the territory of the neighborhood of Mill Creek be searched and all high-powered rifles and large caliber pistols be taken into court.

MISS KNOX ON TRIAL FOR MURDER OF MRS. EASTLAKE

Baltimore Trained Nurse to Face Trial For One of Most Sensational Murders in Virginia. (By The Associated Press.) MONTROSS, Va., April 25. - Miss Sarah E. Knox, Baltimore trained nurse, went on trial in Westmoreland county circuit court here today on the charge of having murdered Mrs. Margaret Eastlake at Colonial Beach last September. Selection of a jury was expected to take up at least the entire first day of the trial. Among those expected to testify at the trial is Roger D. Eastlake, husband of the dead woman, who was indicted jointly with Miss Knox for the murder but was acquitted at a separate trial here last December. Silence has marked the attitude of Miss Knox since she was placed in the Richmond jail soon after the slaying of Mrs. Eastlake and from the day of her arrest she has revealed no emotion except pity for Eastlake and the desire to see him restored to his two small children. Mrs. Eastlake's body was found hacked to pieces on the floor of her small cottage home September 30, last. Twenty-nine gashes were found on the body. A blood-stained hatchet was found in the yard. Miss Knox sounded the alarm, and later testified at a coroner's inquest that she found the slain woman when she made an early visit to the Eastlake home. Eastlake had left his home to go to work at the Dahlgren proving station, a short distance away. He returned home, was arrested, and charged with murder, but later was acquitted and restored to good standing in the navy. Letters were introduced at Eastlake's trial to show that Miss Knox and Eastlake had been on friendly terms for several years.

JUDGE BRENTANO, WHO HAS GONE TO HUNGARY, AS AMERICA'S MINISTER.



Judge Theodore Brentano, of Chicago, the first United States Minister to Hungary since the war, has left for Budapest to take up the duties of his new post. This photograph was made just before he sailed on board the steamship America.

FOUR TAKEN TO RALEIGH TO SERVE PRISON TERMS

Bender and Adams Each Begin Serving 20-Year Sentences - Krout, the Check Flasher, Taken for Safe-Keeping Pending Review of His Case by Supreme Court.

Four men were taken from Gastonia to the State prison at Raleigh Sunday. They were Arthur Bender, white, convicted in Superior court last week of second degree burglary and sentenced to twenty years at hard labor; Pressley Adams, colored, convicted of the same offense and sentenced also to twenty years; Frank Furr, white, convicted of larceny and sentenced to serve two years, and W. C. Krout, white, the check flasher who was being held in the county jail pending the reviewing of his case by the Supreme Court. Krout is under a sentence of ten years. His case has not been heard but it was deemed advisable to transfer him to the State prison for safe keeping, there being evidence to the effect that he had made efforts to secure his freedom from the county jail.

GASTONIA BANKERS ATTEND MEETING AT PINEHURST

J. White Ware and W. S. Bason, of the Third National Bank, John M. Miller, III, of the Citizans National Bank, and Thomas Carpenter, of the First National Bank, will attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers Association which convenes tomorrow at the Carolina Hotel, Pinehurst, Messrs. Ware, Bason and Miller will motor through, leaving here this afternoon. Accompanying them was Mr. M. E. Herald, of the Peoples Loan & Trust Co., of Kings Mountain.

PICKETING IN PROGRESS AT JENCKES PLANT

(By The Associated Press.) PAWTOCKET, R. I., April 25. - Strike picketing at the plant of the Jenckes spinning company, where a man was killed two months ago, was marked by another shooting today. Casimir Almeida, one of several pickets who had become involved in an altercation with a negro on his way to work, was wounded in the neck when Deputy Sheriff fired several shots in an effort to disperse the crowd. The bullet was removed and Almeida was arraigned on a charge of assault. He pleaded guilty and was given a 60-day sentence.

IDLE MINERS ARE CULTIVATING GARDENS

(By The Associated Press.) HAZLETON, Pa., April 25. - Idle-footed foreign speaking women of one of the physque spending home gardens and keeping pace with their husbands in farming over the soil provides one of the many odd sights in anthracite coal mining towns during the suspension. The women are accustomed to this kind of labor through experience of their younger days on farms across the sea. In nearby villages the miners have large patches of ground for cultivation and some plots are already yielding early vegetables. It is predicted that as a result of the shut down of the collieries there will be record breaking crops in the fall. Enough potatoes and other produce will be raised to keep thousands of families during the winter and also feed their poultry, hogs and cows if favorable conditions prevail.

COMMITTEE URGES THAT LARGER EXPENDITURES BE MADE ON HIGHWAYS

Congressional Committee of Agricultural Inquiry Makes Report - Motor Transportation to Change Standard of Upkeep For Roads. (By The Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, April 25. - Large expenditures will be necessary to bring the two and a half million miles of rural highways into the United States up to the standard of efficiency comparable to their extended use in motor transportation, in the opinion of the joint Congressional committee of agricultural inquiry whose general conclusions on the subject were announced today by Chairman Anderson. In the second report on the commission's studies, the first having dealt with agricultural freight rates, the chairman also made known its recommendations regarding electric railway development as affecting rural communities and questions relating to the postal service. The commission, Chairman Anderson said, will recommend that Congress continue to promote an adequate program of highway construction and maintenance directed to the more effective correlation of highway transportation with rail and water transportation, and that the states and counties also continue their highway programs with particular reference to farm-to-market roads. The necessity of cooperation among the states to effect a uniform basis for taxing motor trucks and other motor vehicles, for fairly apportioning the portion of highway expense chargeable to such vehicles, will be urged by the commission, it was said, as well as the need for uniform regulation of traffic. "It is already clear," the chairman said, "that there is a wide variation in principle and application of the various State and local regulations affecting interstate traffic. Studies of local motor transportation should be expanded as rapidly as possible to afford a definite basis for uniform regulation of motor transportation in order that the convenience, expense and efficiency of operation occasioned by a lack of uniformity in State and Federal legislation in the future may be as far as possible avoided. The importance of motor transportation to the farmer was found not only to have been its effect in extending and broadening his markets, it was said, but in the sharply reduced cost of moving his product to market. This was illustrated in the commission's estimates that in 1918 the cost of wagon haulage from farm to shipping point averaged about 30 cents per ton per mile for wheat, 40 cents for corn and 48 cents for cotton, while by motor truck or tractor the averages were 15 cents for wheat and corn and 18 cents for cotton.

LOS ANGELES FURNISHES ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY

LOS ANGELES, April 25. - More than inquest over the body of one of the slain in a band of masked and armed men, of which he was a member, said the home of Mathias and Fidel Elzougen, at Inglewood, a suburb, was in prospect today. W. C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney, advised that while the primary object of an inquest was to determine the cause of death in this case, he proposed to try to bring out some of the raiding band, especially estimated at from 100 to 200 men, and who and what inspired them. Mr. Doran said there was no doubt that Frank Weener, night manager of Inglewood, who responded to a call of neighbors of the Elzougen, was just in firing the shots which killed Weener and wounded his son, Walter E. Mosher and Leonard Elzougen, a slightly wounded. Witnesses subpoenaed for the inquest include young Mosher and Elzougen, both members of the band of robbers, William S. Colburn and W. G. Fine, respectively grand juror and king judge, Joseph E. Eshelman, knights of the Iva Klux Klan; the Elzougen brothers, who were bound and carried six miles from home; Marshal Weener; R. C. Kunkelberg, a reporter for The Los Angeles Times, who was present at the raid, and a photographer for that newspaper.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

The will be a meeting of the Spanish War Veterans of Gastonia county at the city hall Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose of the meeting is to form an organization of veterans of the Spanish-American War. Frank E. McDougall, a veteran of both the Spanish and Civil wars will address the meeting. Capt. Stephen B. Dolley will also speak to the veterans. Other speakers will be Dr. T. A. Wilkins and Rev. Z. W. Wooten. A full attendance of Spanish War Veterans is expected.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, fair and somewhat warmer tonight; Wednesday cloudy with showers in west portion.

HENEPECKED HUSBANDS ARE HOLDING SECRET MEETING

LONDON, April 25. - The place for holding the annual meeting of the "Ancient and Honorable International Order of Henpecked Husbands," an organization having headquarters at Sowerbury, near Bradford, is being kept a strict secret. Last year's meeting, to insure freedom from widely interferred, was held at an isolated spot on Blackstone Edgemoor. Much time will be required at this year's gathering for the consideration of a long list of applications for membership, as each candidate must be severely cross-examined regarding his fitness to be dubbed "well and truly henpecked." The organization's stationery declares the order dates back to 3397 B. C.

ODD FELLOWS HELD THEIR DISTRICT MEETING HERE

Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Districts Represented - State Officers Present and a Talk - Grand Master Moore Tells of State Progress. (By W. B. Stuart.) The 10th, 11th and 12th district meeting of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows came to a close here Monday night, with degree work, which marked one of the most satisfactory ever held in this section of the state, as well as one of the largest attended meetings in years. Scores of Odd Fellows for miles around motored into Gastonia tonight for the big banquet and to witness the degree work at several lodges in the district. The district meeting convened at 1:30 Monday afternoon and after the transaction of routine business, including reports from the lodges in the district, all of whom showed substantial increase in membership, the election of officers took place, the result being as follows: President, J. K. McAllister, of Gastonia; vice president, D. A. Seagle, of Lincolnton; secretary, Joe S. Wray, of Gastonia. The next district convention will take place at Lincolnton by Friday, September 5. The grand lodge officers in attendance at the meeting were: I. W. Moore, of Washington, grand master; John D. Berry, of Raleigh, grand secretary; Rev. W. B. Carpenter, of Rockingham, deputy grand master; S. M. Crouch, of Asheville, assistant grand secretary; A. R. Wadley, of Gastonia, grand warden.

Situation Made More Critical By Reason Of France's Threat To Withdraw From Conference

New Demands of Russian Soviets Ask For Complete Annulment of All War Debts - All Property Has Been Nationalized in Russia - France Insists on Rigid Adherence to Cannes Conference. (By The Associated Press.) LONDON, April 25. - There is reliable information, declares a Central dispatch from Genoa, that M. Barthou, of the French delegation, received telegraphic instructions today to insist at the conference upon the terms contained in Premier Poincare's speech of Monday. The French delegation, says the message, has declared it will press for a forty eight hours ultimatum to Russia, or else break from the conference altogether. Premier Poincare's speech created great consternation in conference circles, it is added.

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GENOA, April 25. - Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Soviet Russia, declared to The Associated Press today that allied resistance to the Russian principle of nationalization was blocking the economic conference. "It is obvious," he said, "that the only serious obstacles to peace with Russia and general reconstruction are the pretensions of a few former owners of property in Russia."

GENOA, April 25. - The Genoa conference is drifting toward the rocks a gain. Whether it can be kept from wreckage depends upon the possibility of adjusting the new demands of the Russian Soviet delegates with the position of the Allied Governments, who declare they will steadfastly stand by the resolutions adopted at Cannes, on which the conference was founded. The situation is made more critical by the French Premier's frank warning in his address at Bar Le Duc yesterday that France will withdraw from the conference if she is unable to see that the ideas expressed by the French Cabinet before Parliament can triumph. These French virtual demands include maintenance of the war reparations figures, disarmament of Germany, discussion and no changing at Genoa of existing treaties. In addition France insists on rigid adherence to the Cannes resolutions, which call for the payment of Russia's prewar debts and the restitution by the Soviet of foreigners' property in Russia.

The conference of experts on the Russian question broke up yesterday and announced since that the experts representing the powers found the Russians' new set of proposals absolutely in contradiction to the soviet note accepting the Allies' terms as a basis for future deliberations. Yesterday the bolsheviks announced their declaration to restore private property because everything was nationalized in Russia, but in their note of acceptance they voiced willingness to restore such property or indemnity to owners, provided the country's war debts to the Allies were cut down and financial help for Russia forthcoming. Instead of accepting the Allies' demands for the payment of war debts, with the understanding that these debts be scaled down and the arrears in interest either postponed or repaid in part, the bolsheviks had an entirely different proposition. They asked the complete annulment of all war debts. Whereas they had previously agreed to the payment of the financial obligations due to foreign nations which are usually referred to as prewar debts, the soviet note demanded for a moratorium of 30 years on these debts and the cancellation of the interest, according to the Allied version of the meeting. This cancellation was to apply both to the past and to the future of the moratorium.

Emilio, a Russian private property in Russia, would not imply any surrender of Russian citizens or of their rights to hold property in fee simple in foreign lands, "bourgeois countries," where the right to possess property went with the bourgeoisie system. Such, said the bolsheviks, were their terms, but they could only grant them on condition that the powers represented at Genoa would first agree to recognize the Soviet Government and accord it adequate financial help for its proper economic reconstruction. "Under these conditions," said Sir Lansing Worthington Evans, chairman of the meeting, "we cannot discuss any further. We must refer this matter to our respective governments." It was then decided to adjourn the sitting today. All the experts except the Russians arranged to meet today and go over the entire situation.

The Russians contend that they generally are as making a treaty with the powers has been misinterpreted, and one of the delegates charged that faulty translations had been made of their counter-suggestions last week. Despite the serious outlook, the heads of the various delegations have not abandoned all hope. Some, however, frankly informed The Associated Press last night that they saw no possibility of making an arrangement with the Soviet

U. S. COULD HAVE PREVENTED WAR SHIPS GENERAL PERSHING

WASHINGTON, April 25. - The United States could have adequate military preparation and under strong leadership could have prevented the occurrence of the world war, General Pershing testified before the Senate Military Committee in behalf of the War Department's plan for an increase in the military establishment over that proposed by the House. Failure to recognize the existence of "envy, jealousy and hatred" among nations as among individuals, he said, has invariably sent the United States unprepared into a great crisis and caused "unnecessary loss of life and left us staggering under financial burdens."

HOLD-UP MEN GET \$150,000 IN DIAMONDS.

BALTIMORE, April 25. - Two hold-up men stepped Max Berstein, a jewelry broker, near his home in East Baltimore today, knocked him down with a blow from a pistol butt and snatched a case holding diamonds and jewelry which Berstein declared to be worth \$150,000, from his hands. The two men, unmasked, stepped into an automobile which was standing at the curb and drove away. Five or six persons were standing within a few feet of Berstein when he was attacked and before any one could make an outcry the machine had disappeared.